

Plans for Fremont's 50th Anniversary Celebration Kick Off



The City of Fremont officially came into existence on January 23, 1956 when the towns of Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Niles, and Warm Springs incorporated. A community-based committee has recently formed to plan for the observance and celebration of Fremont's 50th anniversary in 2006.

To learn more about getting involved, visit the event's website at www.celebratefremont.org.

Fremont's State of the City Address

Fremont's mayor will present the annual State of the City Address at a luncheon hosted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 1, at 12:00 noon. To purchase tickets, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 795-2244 or www.fremontbusiness.com.

The City will rebroadcast the State of the City Address on Cable TV Channel 27. To view the rebroadcast schedule, visit the City's website at www.fremont.gov/CurrentNews/StateoftheCity or watch Channel 27.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 284-4000.

Living Within Our Means

Use of Fund Balance, Budget Uncertainty Reserve Planned

The City of Fremont is not currently receiving enough income to support the services the community desires. To address this situation, the City will:

1. Cut costs an additional 5%, on top of earlier 20+% reductions.
2. Spend the remaining fund balance—similar to the City's checking account.
3. Spend about half the Budget Uncertainty Reserve—similar to the City's savings account.



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Fremont Ranked Nation's "Best City for Men's Health"



Fremont was recently ranked No. 1 for men's health according to Men's Health magazine. Fremont is the only city out of 101 surveyed to receive "A+" marks in health, quality of life, and fitness. Congratulations!

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City Manager's Message



On February 16, I had the honor of participating in the Tri City City Managers' Forum sponsored by the Fremont, Newark and Union City Chambers of Commerce. It was a wonderful event

that brought together business and community leaders from the Tri-Cities. Although we've had our differences of opinion on certain issues, we share many more similarities, and we work together to solve regional problems that benefit all of our cities.

Consolidating our services wherever possible means that we can spend taxpayer dollars more efficiently. That's why we work together to provide mutual aid through our police and fire departments. Should additional resources be needed in an emergency, each city can count on the other cities to provide needed public safety resources. In addition, we work on transportation issues together, and we provide police officers to work on gang and drug enforcement task forces.

Fremont City staff is working on many exciting projects, and I'd like to highlight just a few. We will continue our efforts to connect with neighborhoods. Through extensive outreach, we'll check in with residents to learn what they think about their community and what they'd like to see in Fremont in the months and years ahead. In Niles, the proposed Niles Town Plaza promises to be a place where events can be staged throughout the day and under the stars. Also, the final design and construction documents for the Warm Springs BART Extension should be completed this year. The opening is scheduled for 2010 if full funding is available.

As City staff continues to work to make Fremont the best city in which to live and work, we are challenged by the fact that we can only spend the dollars that we have taken in. We will always balance our City budget, but at what price will this occur? We've already taken steps to significantly cut or eliminate City services. It's up to you—our residents and businesses—to determine what kind of community you want Fremont to be.

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Fred Diaz
City Manager

Did You Know...?

Business Resource Fair

Learn about programs and services to build your business at the Business Resource Fair. This event is being co-sponsored by the City of Fremont and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce:

Friday, May 6

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fremont City Hall, City Council Chambers
3300 Capitol Avenue, Building A



Representatives from over 20 different local, state, and federal government agencies and Bay Area business resource organizations will be on hand to talk about their services and resources.

Contact Kim Marshall at
kmarshall@ci.fremont.ca.us or 284-4020 for
additional information about this free event.

Fremont Firefighters Flip Flapjacks

Treat your family to a nutritious breakfast while learning about fire and life safety programs. Members of the Fremont Fire Department will be flipping flapjacks on Saturday, May 21, from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., at Fire Station #9, 39609 Stevenson Place. Proceeds will benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation and two local programs. Tickets will be sold at the door or call 791-2705.

Spring Fire Safety Tips

As spring approaches, the change in seasons signifies a fresh start after the long winter months. Spring also provides an opportunity to check your home and surroundings, and correct unsafe conditions which could potentially threaten lives and/or property.

Here are some suggestions to identify potential hazards in your yard and garage:

- ✓ Yards are clear of leaves, debris and combustible materials.
- ✓ Dry vegetation is removed from roofs, and tree branches are trimmed at least 10' from the chimney and 5' from the roof line.
- ✓ Surrounding properties are free from weeds, dry leaves, and garbage.
- ✓ Gasoline used in gardening equipment or motors is stored in a strong metal safety-type can with a self-closing cap.
- ✓ Garage is cleared of excess storage and/or discarded items.
- ✓ Provide a safe distance (approximately 3') between heat producing appliances (water heater, dryer, etc.) and combustibles.
- ✓ Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight-fitting door which is kept closed.
- ✓ Hazardous chemicals and pesticides are secure and out of reach of children.

City of Fremont

The City Council meets the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue. (Work sessions are held on the third Tuesday of each month, times vary.) Meetings are broadcast over Cable TV Channel 27.

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Living Within Our Means cont'd from Page 1

When your budget gets tight at home, you put off buying new items as long as possible, and you cut back your spending as much as you can. It's not easy, but you try hard to find a way to live within your means.

That's what the City of Fremont has been doing for the past three years as we've delayed maintenance of our streets, parks, trees, and City buildings. As a result of continued sluggishness in the local economy and the State's habit of balancing its budget using City funds, we will plan to spend all of our remaining fund balance (similar to our checking account) and tap into our rainy day reserve (similar to our savings account).

Projected City Income and Costs			
Year	Fiscal Year 2004/05	Fiscal Year 2005/06	Fiscal Year 2006/07
Income	\$111.5 M	\$118.9 M	\$123.9 M
Costs	\$121.2 M	\$120.6 M	\$126.3 M
Bottom Line	-\$9.7 M	-\$1.7 M	-\$3.4 M

** The City's Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30.*

These steps are unprecedented for Fremont. Although we expect to eventually return to fiscal stability, it will come at great cost—too few police officers on the streets, fire stations that must be closed on a rotating basis, discontinued programs for children and seniors, and an inability to maintain our streets, parks, and buildings.

Both City staff and the City Council are working hard to develop ways to close our revenue gap in the future, but ultimately it will be up to the community to decide what level of service they want to support.

Stay tuned for updates in future *City News* issues.

Easy Online Registration for Recreation Classes



Registering for a recreation class is as easy as going online! Log on to the Parks & Recreation Department's Reg-E-Rec website at <http://regerec.ci.fremont.ca.us> to register for a class. Hundreds of classes are offered for children and adults, with new topics offered every session.

The Reg-E-Rec website features include:

- Up-to-date listing of all class descriptions, times, dates, fees, locations and availability.
- 24 hour internet access.
- Ability to add a name to a waitlist.
- Advance registration - 2 weeks earlier than the catalog mailing.
- Convenient credit card payment.
- Immediate enrollment confirmation.

To enroll in a class(es) you will need a unique family ID and barcode number. Existing customers can automatically retrieve this information by email, provided they have a current email address on file. New customers can easily set up an account online and begin to register for classes immediately.

Visit our website at <http://regerec.ci.fremont.ca.us> and see how easy online registration can be! For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 494-4300.

Fire Safety Bond Update

Seismic retrofit and station replacement work on Fremont's ten fire stations continues to proceed on schedule. The projects are funded by a \$51 million Fire Safety Bond that Fremont voters approved in 2002.

Seven fire stations are slated to be retrofitted and remodeled. Construction on stations in Mission San Jose, Warm Springs, Ardenwood, and on Grimmer Boulevard and Stevenson Boulevard, is well underway. The Central and Irvington stations are in the design phase, and construction is scheduled to begin in early 2006.

The remaining three stations, Centerville, North Fremont, and Niles, are being replaced. Two new sites have been purchased: the North Fremont station will be located across from Brookvale Shopping Center on Fremont Boulevard, and the Centerville station will be located at the corner of Central Avenue and Dusterberry Way. Construction of the North Fremont station is planned to begin this summer, and construction of the Centerville station is planned for the spring of 2006. City staff is evaluating site options for the new station in Niles, including remaining at the existing location on Second Street or relocating to the corner of Niles Boulevard and G Street. Design work will begin once the City Council selects a location for this station.

For more information, contact Fire Bond Project Manager Rob Kalkbrenner at rkalkbrenner@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4428. Or, visit the City's website at www.fremont.gov/Fire/FireSafetyBond.

Our Community

Cabrillo Neighborhood Mentor Project Seeks Volunteers

The Fremont Family Resource Center is recruiting volunteers for the Cabrillo Neighborhood Mentoring Project. This project is part of the ongoing community building effort known as the Cabrillo Neighborhood Project.

Through the Cabrillo Neighborhood Mentoring Project, at-risk students from Cabrillo, Oliveira, and Patterson elementary schools will be matched with a caring adult or high school student. Mentors can work with students before, during or after school, depending on the mentor's schedule and the student's area of need. It works best if mentors commit to a minimum of one hour per week during the academic year.

For more information on how you can become a mentor at Cabrillo, Oliveira or Patterson elementary schools, please call Community Engagement Specialist Patricia Garcia at 574-2276.

Façade Improvement Grant and Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Programs

The City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment assists small businesses through the Façade Improvement Grant Program and the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program. A number of financial incentives are offered to property owners and in some cases, tenants, for improving the outward appearance of their buildings.

The **Façade Improvement Grant Program** offers grants of up to \$16,000, which can be used for new signage, awnings, landscaping and various other exterior improvements. (Participants are required to contribute a 20% match of the total grant.)

The **Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program** offers loans of up to \$320,000 for a 15-year term at 0% interest. Loan proceeds may be used for renovation of the building's exterior and interior, landscaping, lighting, loan preparation, permit fees, and bringing the structure into compliance with building codes.

To be eligible, properties must be located in the Centerville, Irvington or Niles Redevelopment Area and meet certain requirements. There's still time to apply for these programs! However, please don't wait too long as we're already halfway through the number of grants approved for this fiscal year (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005).

For more information, contact Housing and Redevelopment Business Manager Irene Klebanivska at iklebanivska@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4500.



Looking for an Affordable Apartment?

New and affordable apartments will soon be built and ready to occupy (see list below). To have your name placed on the interest list for the property that matches your family's needs, contact the City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment. They can be reached at 494-4500 or via email at housingandredemption@ci.fremont.ca.us.

Bridgeway Apartments (Family Housing), Bay Street in Irvington - 18 apartments will include studio, 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units. Completion is expected in summer 2005.

Maple Square Apartment Homes (Family Housing), Maple Street in Centerville - 132 apartments will offer studio, 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units. Completion is expected in early 2006. You can also get on the interest list by calling Solari Enterprises at 714-282-2520 or by visiting their website at www.affirmedhousing.com/rentalform.

Irvington Family Apartments, Grimmer Boulevard in Irvington - 100 apartments will offer 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. Completion is expected in summer 2006.

Fremont Vista Retirement Homes



Fremont Vista Retirement Homes, a senior residential care facility located at 35490 Mission Boulevard in Niles, is open and currently accepting applications. Fremont Vista offers personalized assistance to seniors who need some help with their daily activities such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation and medication reminders. With financing assistance from the City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment, twenty private studio apartments will be offered at below market rates for qualifying low-income seniors. These studio apartments are designed to accommodate one person.

For more information about the below market rate studios, please contact Fremont Vista Retirement Homes' Joan Bettencourt at 796-4200 or send an email to fremontvista@comcast.net.

Neighborhoods

Make Homeownership a Reality



Do you dream of becoming a homeowner?
Are you confused about how to get started?

The City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment now offers two down-payment loan programs to income-eligible first-time homebuyers purchasing a home in Fremont. The programs are called:

1. *Welcome Home*
2. *Welcome to the Neighborhood*

Welcome Home (which can be used to purchase a first home anywhere in Fremont) and *Welcome to the Neighborhood* (which can only be used to purchase a first home within targeted neighborhoods of Centerville, Irvington, and Niles) provide loans up to \$40,000 for down payment assistance and closing costs. *Welcome to the Neighborhood* offers an additional incentive – up to \$10,000 of the loan (or 25% of the actual loan amount) is forgiven on a dollar-for-dollar basis for home improvements you complete within the first seven years of home ownership.

The Office of Housing and Redevelopment recently partnered with the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA), which also provides downpayment assistance. Combined, both agencies can make over \$95,000 available to “welcome you home.” All loans are offered at very low interest rates and do not have to be repaid until you sell your home.

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

In addition to the Office of Housing and Redevelopment’s two down payment loan programs, the City passed the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in November 2002 to help make homeownership in Fremont a reality. The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requires all new residential developments of seven units or more to set aside at least 15% of the homes to be sold at below-market rate.

Attend a Homeownership Workshop

In order to be considered for any of these assistance programs, potential homebuyers must complete a mandatory homeownership workshop. Homeowners are then selected by lottery to purchase these homes. Workshops are held every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Additional Information

For more information about these programs, or to view a workshop schedule, visit the City’s website at www.fremont.gov/Community/Housing/FTHB or contact Housing Program Manager May Lee at 494-4506.

Please note the funds available from the grant and loan programs mentioned on Page 4 and 5 are restricted by law and the City cannot use them for police, fire, and/or maintenance purposes.



Home Improvement Loans

The winter months can take a toll on your home. Before the summer heats up, spring may be the best time to work on home improvements such as a new roof, electrical or plumbing system upgrades, energy efficient windows, exterior/interior painting, or landscaping and fence repair.

If you are in need of any of these home improvements, the City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment has the right tools for you. Under the Neighborhood Home Improvement Program, income-eligible homeowners can apply for a low-interest loan to make home improvements. For more information, contact Redevelopment and Housing Project Manager Bill Cooper at bcooper@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4500.

Niles Redevelopment Update

The City of Fremont Office of Housing and Redevelopment is continuing its work on the environmental clean-up plan for the 5.25-acre, former Union Pacific (UP) property, located on the north side of Niles Boulevard between H Street and Niles Canyon Road. City staff anticipates that the State Department of Toxic Substances Control may be able to approve the clean-up plan by mid-2005.

In conjunction with the environmental clean-up work, the Office of Housing and Redevelopment has moved ahead with the redevelopment planning of the site, which focuses on a town plaza situated between H and I streets. City staff hosted two well-attended community workshops in December and presented the conceptual town plaza design to the City Council in January. It is expected that the City Council will give its final approval to the town plaza in the spring.

In addition, the Office of Housing and Redevelopment is working on the enhancement of the pedestrian connection from the Niles Historic Train to the Niles Boulevard shopping district and amending the City’s zoning regulations to allow for increased retail development in Niles.

For more information about these projects, or others in the Niles area, please contact Redevelopment Project Manager Luke Connolly at lconnolly@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4513.

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Food Scrap “Tidbits”

“Tidbits” is a section for residents who have questions about Fremont’s food scrap program. Let this section help you make the most of this service.

Tidbit #1

Q. What happens to my food scraps and food-soiled paper after it is collected?

A. BFI takes the contents of your green organics cart to the Newby Island composting facility in Milpitas and processes it into nutrient-rich compost. For this reason, it’s important to only place acceptable items into the green organics cart. For example, any food scraps wrapped in plastic bags contaminate the final product and are difficult to remove. If you choose to wrap your food scraps before placing them in your green cart, please only use paper bags or newspaper, since both can be composted.

Tidbit #2

Q. Where can I purchase the compost created from my food scraps?

A. The compost is available for sale in bulk at the Newby Island composting facility or by the bag at Fremont’s annual Compost Giveaway event on Saturday, April 9. At this event, residents can pick up two free bags of compost by showing their BFI bill for curbside collection service. Please see the article to the right for additional details about the 10th Annual Compost Giveaway event.

For questions about the food scrap program or to purchase compost in bulk, call BFI at 657-3500, or visit the City’s website at

www.fremont.gov/Environment.



Receive two bags of compost at this year’s Annual Compost Giveaway event.

10th Annual Compost Giveaway

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Fremont’s Compost Giveaway event on **Saturday, April 9**, and receive two free bags of compost. This event is brought to you by the City of Fremont, in partnership with BFI and New United Motors Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI).

Each year, the City of Fremont gives away thousands of bags of compost to its residents who have curbside service with BFI. This compost is made from the yard waste and food scraps collected from your green organics cart.



The Compost Giveaway will be held at the NUMMI Facility at the south end of Fremont Boulevard. The entrance to the event will be on Grimmer Boulevard east (towards the hills) of the Fremont Boulevard intersection. Follow the signs and watch for the traffic control personnel who will direct you to the loading area where our crew will place the compost into your vehicle.

To receive your two bags of compost on April 9, please bring your BFI bill (from January, February, and March 2005), which will serve as proof that you are participating in the City of Fremont curbside collection program. If your neighbor is unable to attend the event, you may bring their BFI bill as well and pick up their compost.

For more information, please call BFI at 657-3500.

Car Wash Fundraiser Requirements



Planning a car wash fundraising event?

Prior to holding a car wash fundraiser event, please pick up a “Car Wash Pollution Reduction Kit” from the City of Fremont. It contains sandbags, two hoses, a submersible pump and power cord, as well as instructions and safety requirements to reduce pollutants going into our local waterways and the San Francisco Bay.

The kit is available for pickup at the City’s Environmental Services Division located at 39550 Liberty Street. Please call Val Blakely at 494-4577 to reserve the kit at least two weeks prior to the event. For more information, visit the City’s website at

www.fremont.gov/Environment/CurrentNews/MakingYourCarShine.

t a l s e r v i c e s

Creek Cleanups

In 2004, City staff completed 17 cleanups of local waterways with the help of 273 volunteers. They removed 18,430 pounds of debris (including 9,075 pounds of recyclable items).

Mark your calendars and get involved in these upcoming cleanups (locations to be determined):

- ✓ **Wednesday, March 30**
- ✓ **Friday, April 1**
- ✓ **Saturday, May 21 (National River Day)**

For more details and/or to register for an event, contact Creek Cleanup Coordinator Val Blakely at vblakely@ci.fremont.ca.us or 494-4577, or register online at www.fremont.gov/community/volunteering/creekcleanups.

Pesticide Containing Diazinon No Longer Available

As of December 31, 2004, retailers are no longer permitted to sell home, lawn and garden products containing diazinon (a type of pesticide). This is an ongoing effort by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to reduce the risk of pesticides, especially to children.

If you would like to dispose of any products containing diazinon from your home, such items can be dropped off at a Household Hazardous Waste facility in Alameda County. Reminder: Do not dispose of these items in sinks, toilets, storm drains or any body of water. For more information about a Household Hazardous Waste facility location, call 1-800-606-6606 or visit www.household-hazwaste.org. For more information about diazinon, please visit the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/diazinon-factsheet.htm.

Attend Upcoming Home and Garden Tours, Workshops

Healthy Home & Garden Month *Green from the Ground Up*



Native Garden Tour:

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This tour showcases more than 50 native plant and pesticide-free gardens throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. To register for this event and/or learn about volunteer opportunities, visit www.BringingBackTheNatives.net or call 236-9558.

Home and Garden Tours, Workshops:

As part of the Healthy Home & Garden Month in May, the "Bay-Friendly Gardening" and "Build-It Green" programs are presenting tours of Bay-Friendly gardens and green homes in Alameda County along with "how-to" workshops from March through June.

Build It Green Home Tour

Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

More than 25 Bay Area homeowners in Alameda and Contra Costa counties will open their doors and offer tour goers the opportunity to meet homeowners and builders who have built or remodeled "green." Visit houses that look great, save money, and are environmentally friendly. Throughout May, a variety of green building workshops will be offered to further your green building knowledge. To sign up for the tour or to learn more about the building green workshops, visit www.BuildGreenNow.org.



Visit "green" homes (left) and gardens made from salvaged and recycled materials (right).

Bay-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Visit a wide number of Bay-Friendly Gardens on this free, self-guided tour. Over 30 private and public gardens will be featured throughout Alameda County. Experience an art garden created with only recycled and salvaged materials; a garden expressly designed for children; and a native plant collector garden. Host gardeners will be present throughout the day to share tips, plant lists, and gardening expertise.

Registration for the tour is required. Registrants will receive a tour guide book with garden directions and descriptions. Native plants and compost bins can be purchased at select sites on the tour. Every workshop participant will receive the free 70 page *Bay-Friendly Gardening Guide*. To register for the tour or for more information about the workshops, visit www.bayfriendly.org or call 510-444-SOIL.

Community Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Begins Third Year



The Family Resource Center's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is once again in session. For the third year, low-income families are getting their tax returns prepared for free by trained volunteers. More than 70 volunteers, most of whom are bilingual, are serving as tax preparers, translators, and trainers.

In 2004, the program served 421 families and helped clients save \$368,093 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) alone, plus another \$80,738 in Child Tax Credit. State refunds were \$38,984, and federal refunds were \$549,158, for a grand total of \$588,142. This year's goal is to serve 450–500 families and surpass last year's results.

As part of a county-wide effort called **"Earn it! Keep it! Save it!"**, this program aims to improve the financial independence of low-income families in our community and increase the number of Alameda County families who claim the EITC. The program is a collaborative effort and includes the following major partners: United Way of the Bay Area, the Internal Revenue Service, Alameda County Department of Social Services, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The VITA campaign and other efforts to help families develop the knowledge and skills to get ahead financially are also supported by the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund.

In addition to getting taxes prepared for free, VITA customers will also have the opportunity to learn about banking services and apply for food stamps, if they are eligible.

Eligibility

Anyone who earned less than \$36,000 in 2004 is eligible to receive these free tax preparation services.

Contact Information

VITA services are available Mondays and Wednesdays through April 13, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Service is on a walk-in, first come, first-serve basis at the Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty Street, Caribbean Room, in Building EFGH. Childcare services are available on-site for VITA clients at no cost.

For more information, contact VITA's Sumathi Vijayakumar at 574-2290.

Get Money \$mart

Money \$mart, a free financial education program, is designed to help individuals improve their money skills and understand savings, credit reports, borrowing, and homeownership. This program will help people build financial knowledge, develop financial confidence, and use banking services effectively.

Classes will be held every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, for ten consecutive weeks at the Fremont Family Resource Center, 39155 Liberty Street. Class size is limited. To register, please call 574-2290. Free childcare will be provided at the Family Resource Center.

Class Schedule

April 20	<i>Bank On It</i>	May 25	<i>Keep It Safe</i>
April 27	<i>Borrowing Basics</i>	June 1	<i>To Your Credit</i>
May 4	<i>Check It Out</i>	June 8	<i>Charge It Right</i>
May 11	<i>Money Matters</i>	June 15	<i>Loan To Own</i>
May 18	<i>Pay Yourself First</i>	June 22	<i>Your Own Home</i>

Gala Fundraiser Benefits Senior Center, Infant-Toddler Program

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style! The Human Services Department's second annual fundraiser, *Meet Me at Fiesta de Colores*, is scheduled for **Thursday, May 5 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** at the Fremont Marriott Hotel. The event will feature music and entertainment from south of the border, as well as great food, a silent auction, and an opportunity to network with community leaders. Fremont's own Rick King will serve as Master of Ceremonies.



City staff at last year's event.

More than 250 people attended last year's inaugural gala, which raised \$62,000 to support City human service programs facing cutbacks due to government budget shortfalls. This year's event proceeds will benefit the Fremont Senior Center and the Infant-Toddler Program, which provides parenting education and assistance for low-income families with young children.

Tickets are \$100/person. For information or to purchase tickets, call the City's Human Services Department at 574-2050.